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Names of the present holders of the various religious and charitable service inams in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput and the City of Madras.

* 70. *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the present holders of the various religious and charitable service inams in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput and the City of Madras as entered in the revenue records of the districts and in what right they hold the inams;

(*b*) what steps have been taken by the Collectors and subordinate revenue authorities in South Arcot, Chingleput and Madras to see that the religious and charitable service inams confirmed by the Inam Commissioner are not enjoyed without the terms of the grant being fulfilled during the last five years; and

(*c*) what the effect was of the steps taken by the revenue authorities in the said districts?

A.—(*a*) The compilation of these particulars will involve considerable labour and expense which will, in the opinion of Government, be hardly justified.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to B.S.O. No. 54 which contains detailed instructions for the enforcement of the terms of the grant of religious and charitable inams. The Government presume that these instructions are being followed in the districts mentioned.

Public Service

Exemptions to persons who have put in 30 years of service.

* 71. *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in pursuance of the retrenchment proposals or otherwise all persons who have put in 30 years of service have been retired;

(*b*) whether any exemptions were granted; and

(*c*) if so, what the grounds are upon which such exemptions were granted?

A.—(*a*) Government did not require all such officers to retire from service but have included them among the categories of officers to be selected for discharge, if necessary, where as a measure of retrenchment it is decided to reduce the total strength of any service. A copy of the statutory rules issued in the matter will be found published as Public (Services) Department Notification No. 52, dated the 31st March 1932, on pages 649–50 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 5th April 1932.

(*b*) & (*c*) No exemptions have been granted.

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Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, with reference to answers to clauses (*b*) and (*c*), whether no exemptions have been granted and whether Government have passed orders on all applications requesting for exemption of certain men of over 30 years service from being made to retire or are their applications still pending disposal?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am afraid I cannot say."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the answer relates to the Revenue department or to all departments?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"So far as I am aware, it applies to all departments."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"In view of the hardship that will be caused to junior men in service, will the Government be pleased to turn down all requests for exemptions if they are pending in some cases?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I cannot make any promise of that kind."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"If Government are of opinion that men who have put in 30 years service are to be retired from service, they must also lay down that those who have put in 55 years of service should also be similarly retired."

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I think the answer given to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) refers to both. I think those men who have put in 55 years of service also come under this rule."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"In that case, the answer given here to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) is not correct. As a matter of fact, I know there are cases where exemptions have been given not once or twice, but even thrice."

Ports

Excess payment of leave allowance to Mr. G. G. Armstrong.

* 72 *Q.*—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. G. G. Armstrong, Chairman of the Madras Port Trust, availed himself of leave during the year 1931; if so, for what period;

(*b*) what is the amount of leave allowance that he drew during the period;

(*c*) how much of that amount is in excess of the maximum leave allowance allowed under the Fundamental Rules; and

(*d*) why Government condoned this excess payment to an officer drawing Rs. 3,000 a month?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter.

(*a*) Yes; 7 months and 12 days.

(*b*) Rs. 21,677–6–8.